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SUBJECT: ALLEGED JAPANESE MONOPSONISTIC PRACTICES IN THE "ELVER" TRADE

1. DEPT RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SENATOR JESSE HELMS FOR AMB. MANSFIELD AFTER AMB HAD DEPARTED WASH.

2. "IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE EEL CULTURE ASSOCIATION OF TOKYO HAVE SUSPENDED ALL PURCHASES OF BABY EELS, "ELVERS", IN A BLATANT ATTEMPT TO COERCE PRICE REDUCTIONS.

"AT STAKE ARE THE JOBS OF HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN FISHERMEN WHO HAVE WORKED IN GOOD FAITH FOR JAPANESE PURCHASERS IN PROVIDING ELVERS AT PRICES FAR BELOW THOSE NORMALLY OBTAINABLE. THUS, IT APPEARS THAT TACIT COMMITMENTS OF LONG STANDING HAVE BEEN BROKEN.

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"YOUR COMMITMENT TO PURCHASES OF U.S. GOODS IS WELCOME NEWS. I URGE YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THIS UNFAIR PRACTICE BY JAPANESE ELVER BUYERS."

3. FYI. WE UNDERSTAND ELVERS INDUSTRY CONSISTS OF ABOUT 10-12 FIRMS EMPLOYING ABOUT 1200 PEOPLE ON EAST COAST.

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ANNUAL EXPORTS TO JAPAN AMOUNT TO ABOUT 10 METRIC TONS,
AT $100 PER KILO. CHRISTOPHER

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